

Applicant: Kari M. Mäki
Application No.: 09/966,424
Art Unit: 3629

Remarks

Claims 2–11, and 19–20 remain pending in the application. In the Office action dated May 11, 2005, claims 2–11, and 19–20 were rejected as vague and indefinite. The claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. A response amending the claims was filed on Jun. 22, 2005. In an advisory action dated Jul. 8, 2005, the examiner objected to the response filed Jun. 22, 2005, on the grounds that amended claim 20 included new matter, and that the remarks failed to address the 103 rejections. The remarks below address the original grounds for rejection of the May 11, 2005 action, as well as the grounds for refusal of entry of the Jun. 22, 2005, amendment, which have been addressed above.

The claims have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejections to place the claims in better condition for appeal. In the advisory action, the examiner objected that using a single information system would introduce new matter. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to include the step of using information *systems* to supervise and control the process of the plant.

As provided in ¶ [0024] of the specification, “[t]he process performed in the production plant 20 comprise[s] a highly automated process which is supervised and controlled via the internal information systems of the production plant 20.” It is requested that these amendments, which overcome the 112 objections, be entered to place the case in better condition for appeal.

Response to 103 rejections

In the action dated May 11, 2005, the examiner found applicant’s arguments unpersuasive, partly on the grounds that “the step of ‘gathering information’ alone cannot ...[‘supervise and control] the process of the production plant’.” Claim 20 has been amended to *use the information* gathered to supervise and control. With respect to the examiner’s other grounds for rejection, applicant refers to the remarks of filed with the Amendment dated Jan. 12, 2005, and repeats those here.

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Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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